



## They Say.

Booker T. Washington is a passing show.

He will demonstrate his power when he begins to elect delegates.

What has become of the negro leader?

The W. Calvin Chase Republican Club will be 1,000 strong.

Col. M. M. Parker will be the next national committeeman.

He is the choice of the republican party of this city.

Carson will be Rayburn's running mate so Carson says.

THE BEE is the people's paper.

The democratic party is getting itself together.

Don't be disturbed in mind when you are right.

Senator Fairbanks is the dark horse for the presidency.

What has become of the wire pullers?

The man who cannot originate a thought has an empty rain.

This is a world of deception.

Be what you are and don't change yourself to a false face.

It is a bad policy to ape after other people.

An honest man will condescend to do honest acts.

Ex-Recorder Cheatham is sawing wood.

This is a time for the so called leaders to act.

Do as you think best and nothing more.

Speak kindly of your friends and watch your enemies.

Whatever you do, do it with a will.

Don't imagine that you are a leader because you hold an office.

Leaders are born and not made.

Speak the truth always and then you will have no fear.

Nothing succeeds like success.

A good friend is a jewel.

Deception may always be found in a treacherous heart.

If the justices are out down to four there will be some howling.

The man who thought he was the whole thing will have to get a move on himself.

Do your duty towards your friends.

Never wait to be asked when you see your friends in distress.

Nothing is so beautiful as the attention of an honest friend.

Some people don't know when they have a good friend.

A friend is hard to find and when you find one honest and true never allow him to get away from you.

New favors will change the disposition of some people.

New favors soon change and then we begin to look for those who have been kind and true.

Don't be alarmed when you should hear a noise.

The democratic party should concentrate on something.

The committee that went South to look after the negroes is wiser it is hoped than it was before.

Read the BEE if you want the news.

Why should an outside Judge be appointed.

The District is the dumping ground for politicians.

The people pay taxes and they should hold the offices.

The people are dissatisfied and don't you forget it.

Just why an outside man should be appointed THE BEE is unable to state.

The greatest imposition practiced upon the people is the appointment of an outsider to the Judgeship.

The Police Court Judges ought to be satisfied.

Colored attorneys will not unite.

There is a division among them.

The democratic party will have an issue in 1904.

The people should demand the return of suffrage.

Read THE BEE if you want a people's defender and a true Colored American.

This is a world in which there is a great deal of dissatisfaction.

## THE PRISONERS YELLED.

They Had Heard the Story of the Prodigal Son So Often That It Got to Be Amusing.

Two or three years ago the chaplain at the Elmira reformatory went to Europe on a vacation of three months. Before he left he arranged that his place on Sundays should be filled by Elmira clergymen who were to address the inmates of the institution by turns.

The first clergyman, in thinking of a topic, naturally decided to talk on the prodigal son, and he told the story to the young men with much detail,



"BACK UP AND CHANGE CARS."

and then drew a lesson from the parable.

The next Sunday another minister came. He, too, decided that the prodigal son episode offered the best opportunity for a discourse, and he used the story as a basis of his talk. So did the other ten preachers, and for 12 successive Sundays the inmates of the reformatory heard with patient fortitude of the young man who left home, who ate husks with the swine, and returned to the paternal roof and caused the slaughter of the fatted calf.

Then the chaplain returned home. He had little time to prepare a sermon, so he fell back on the prodigal son, a theme with which he was familiar, and which was always appropriate. He did not know that his listeners had been treated to a dozen dissertations on the subject, but the roar of laughter that greeted him when he announced his text told him that something was wrong. He appealed to one of the prisoners for an explanation, and was told:

"Back up an' change cars, boss. We've had dat story 12 times while you've been gone. Tell us about Jonah and the whale, or give us a spiel on Daniel in the den of lions."

## SO SWEETLY INNOCENT.

Papa Didn't Know How Many Sons He Had Until the Lady Principal Told Him.

He had been to the boarding school to pay a surprise visit to his daughter, his only child. He had parted from her, proud to be the parent of such a handsome maiden, pleased with the innocence of budding womanhood. The principal accompanied him to the door.

"Madam," he said, with deep feeling, "I owe you much for the manner in which you have reared my child since she has been under your care. When I notice the contrast between that innocent maiden and some of the girls of her age, who



"LARGE-DEVOTED!"

have not had the advantage of such strict supervision, I feel that I have indeed done wisely in placing her in your charge."

"And how proud you must be," said the principal, glowing with satisfaction, "to be the father of so large and devoted a family!"

"Large-devoted!" gasped the principal. "What do you mean?"

"Devoted to each other," said the principal. "No fewer than seven of Clara's brothers have been here during the past three weeks to take her out, and she is expecting another to-morrow."

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## LOVE IS UNIVERSAL.

Prince and Pauper Acknowledge Its Mighty Power.

Some Royal Proposals Which Were Based Upon Mutual Respect and Admiration and Ended in Happy Marriage.

Many people are possessed of the idea that, as royal marriages have generally to be arranged as affairs of state, the prospective bridegroom has no occasion to woo his bride as the average man would do. This, however, is a totally erroneous idea, as will be found on reading the following authentic accounts, from London Tit-Bits, of how and where some royalties proposed to those who ultimately became their wives.

It was at Rosenberg, the palace of the Danish royal family, that King Edward VII. proposed to and was accepted by our gracious queen. His majesty—then, of course, prince of Wales—first saw his wife in the cathedral of a continental town, and was so impressed with her beauty that he determined to secure an introduction on learning who the princess was. The result of that introduction was that a short time afterwards the prince went over to Denmark and made a formal claim for the hand of the princess.

A charming story is that told regarding the manner in which the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, then crown prince, proposed to the princess royal (the late Empress Frederick). The two became separated from the rest of a royal party, who were taking a walk over a Scotch moor in the vicinity of Balmoral. Suddenly the crown prince spied a bit of white heather, and picking it up gave it to the young girl beside him—for the princess was barely 15 years of age at the time. She knew,



THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.

(Husband of Princess Louise, One of Victoria's Daughters.)

however, the meaning of the simple gift, and whispered "yes" loud enough for her companion to hear. During the remainder of their lives Balmoral always had great attractions for the emperor and empress.

White Lodge, Richmond park, was the place where our present prince of Wales wooed and won the heart of Princess May. The prince went on a visit for a few weeks to his sister, the duchess of Fife, who lived at Sheen house, near the park gates. Every day his royal highness could be seen strolling down Sheen lane, leading to White Lodge, and it was in the gardens round that mansion that he put the all-important question.

In describing how the marquis of Lorne, now, of course, the duke of Argyll, proposed to Princess Louise, one cannot do better than quote the record made of the event by Queen Victoria in her "Leaves from the Journal of a Life in the Highlands." The queen wrote:

"This was an eventful day. Our dear Louise became engaged to Lord Lorne. The event took place during a walk from the Glassalt Shiel to Loch Dhu. We got home by seven. Louise, who returned some time after, told me that Lorne had spoken of his devotion to her and proposed to her, and that she had accepted him, knowing that I should approve."

It was at the same palace, i. e., Rosenberg, the seat of the Danish royal family, where our king proposed to the "daughter of the sea kings," that the present czar asked Princess Alix of Hesse in 1894 to be his wife. He had made up his mind long before that if he married it would be to whom he pleased rather than one commended to him by his counsellors for state reasons. His choice fell upon Princess Alix, and a party was arranged at Rosenberg to allow Nicholas to meet this royal lady. Accounts differ regarding the actual spot where the proposal took place. Some say the czar proposed during an evening party; others that he did so in the gardens round the palace whilst out for a walk with the princess. The latter account, however, is generally regarded as correct.

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## POLLY COMMANDED.

And the Visiting Lady, Startled by Bird's Strange Voice, Obeyed Only Too Literally.

The Ohio State Journal circulates a good story wherein figure two well-known Columbus ladies and a parrot. Mrs. A. paid a special call at the home of Mrs. B. the other day and was ushered into the living-room by the maid of all work to await the appearance of Mrs. B.

Mrs. B. had come into possession of a parrot only a short time before, and had been keeping the bird in the living-room. Polly has a very good command of English, and appears to know



MRS. A. OBEYED.

when to use it. Mrs. A. sat down with her back to the bird without holding it, and as Polly made no sound she remained in ignorance of its presence.

Observing a beautiful vase on the mantel, Mrs. A. arose from her seat and, crossing the floor, took down the dainty piece of bric-a-brac to examine it. She gazed on it rapturously, completely absorbed by its elegant decorations, when suddenly from just behind her came the shrill and stern command:

"Drop it! Drop it!"

Mrs. A. obeyed, and turned with a scream to face the imperturbable gaze of Polly, who sat in her cage with her green head slyly perked to one side. On the floor lay the beautiful vase, smashed to bits. At this most embarrassing moment Mrs. B. entered the room. Before Mrs. A. could explain the situation, Polly shook out her feathers and remarked:

"You're it! You're it! You're it!"

MANIA FOR RIBBONS.

Wealthy Parisian Could Not Prevent Himself from Adding to His Strange Collection.

A curious mania has been discovered through the arrest of a wealthy old Frenchman. While a crowd was watching some cinematograph view of the Transval war at Paris a woman suddenly screamed: "Stop thief!" She had caught a man in the act of cutting the ribbons to which her reticule was attached. The man, in spite of his correct dress and denial, was arrested and taken to the commissaire de police. There he denied that he had tried to steal the reticule, and proved that he was wealthy. He could not, however, deny cutting the rib-



CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

bons. Much mystified, the police decided to search his house, which resulted in their finding quantities of ribbons, bunches and bows of every kind, color and description, which had evidently been cut off of women's gowns. Many were exceedingly faded. Before this evidence the man declared he could not prevent himself from stealing ribbons, and that as he could not resist the mania he never went out without a pair of scissors to cut off the ribbons he coveted. The police were puzzled as to what to do with such an odd criminal, but finally allowed the man to go after paying for the damaged reticule.

Paid to Do Their Worst.

It is customary, at the continuous performance theaters, for the managers to send on the stage, towards the close of the afternoon, some of the most wretched actors. These are called "chasers," and they are instructed to do their best—wearing their worst—to weary the patrons and chase them out of the house, to make room for the night audience.

Coffee Leaf Cigarettes.

Parisians smoke cigarettes made of the leaves of the coffee plant. Those who have tried them prefer them to tobacco cigarettes.